Home and Away: Workers and Communities in a Global Natural Resource Sector

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Presentation Outline

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CDI History

• Established in 2004
• Part of UNBC’s commitment to northern communities
• 36 projects in 50+ communities
• More than 200 reports
CDI Mandate

- Understand and realize the potential of BC’s non-metropolitan communities in a changing global economy
- Prepare students and practitioners for leadership roles in economic and community development
- Create knowledge, information, and research that will enhance our ability to deal with the impacts of ongoing transformation
CDI Programs

• The CDI provides programs and services in three broad areas:
  ▪ Community transformation and renewal
  ▪ Education for community and economic development
  ▪ Community-based research for local and regional development
CDI: Strengths and Assets

• Track Record
  ▪ Research knowledge and research capacity
  ▪ Independent and neutral

• Expertise
  ▪ Strong network of local, regional, and provincial decision-makers
  ▪ Facilitation and partnership development
  ▪ Understand the northern and resource-sector context

• Respected expert and trusted advisor
CDI: Providing Leadership and Support

- Work with multi-sector partnerships: provide expertise to inform decision-making and dialogue

- Expertise
  - Provide research and information
    - Conduct original research
    - Access and assess existing research
  - Call on UNBC and northern experts
  - Call on international experts
CDI: Providing Leadership and Support

• Work with multi-sector partnerships: develop strategies and track implementation

• Facilitate
  ▪ ‘Fast-track’ the relationship building process
  ▪ Convene and facilitate forums for dialogue and planning
  ▪ Facilitate partnerships that support mutual benefit
  ▪ Bring decision-makers to the table
CDI: Approach to Transformation and Diversification

CDI
- Industry
- Business
- Government
- Community
- Researchers

Research
- Provide information and knowledge

Dialogue
- Bring partners together

Action
- Develop strategies and track implementation

Change
- Impact policies and actions

Strong and Diversified Communities and Economies
CDI: Workforce Mobility Research Projects

• On the Move
• Working Away: A Study of Long Distance Labour Commuting in Northern BC
• Issues for Developing Home Community Participation in Long Distance Labour Commuting in Northern Queensland
• Lessons from Economic Upswings in the Peace
• Kitimat Transition Tracking Project
CDI: Workforce Recruitment Research Topics

• Employment practices
• Host and home community issues
• Construction accommodation
  ▪ Remote, proximate, in-town
  ▪ Camp facilities
  ▪ Camp amenities
  ▪ Camp programs
• Operations accommodation
  ▪ Relocation
  ▪ Fly-in/Fly-out
Home and Away:

Workers and Communities in a Global Natural Resource Sector
Project Scope

• Models of construction phase accommodation
  ▪ Camp location, facilities, amenities, programs, transportation, shifts
  ▪ Impact on home community and families
  ▪ Employment patterns

• Models of operational phase accommodation
  ▪ Relocation: housing, facilities, amenities, services
  ▪ Fly-in/Fly-out: camps, housing, facilities, amenities, services
  ▪ Impact on home community and families
  ▪ Employment patterns
Project Methodology

• Best Practice Review
  ▪ International
    ◦ Australia
    ◦ US
    ◦ North Sea
    ◦ Other
  ▪ Canada
    ◦ BC
    ◦ Northwest Territories
    ◦ East Coast
    ◦ Alberta/Saskatchewan
Project Methodology

• Key Informant Interviews
  - Corporations
  - Industry associations
  - Local government
  - Provincial government
  - Community service groups
  - Health authorities
  - Labour
Project Structure

• Project Advisory Circle
  § Guide the planning and direction of the project by:
    o Reviewing and providing feedback on the project work plan, draft reports, and final reports
    o Providing advice on project implementation strategies and activities (i.e. communications materials, workshops, webinars)
    o Assist with making connections
    o Identifying and advising on solutions to issues and challenges that arise
### Project Timeline

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Project Team

• Greg Halseth
  o Professor, Geography
  o Canada Research Chair, Rural and Small Town Studies
  o Co-Director, Community Development Institute

• Marleen Morris
  o Co-Director, Community Development Institute
  o Executive and senior management teams: health authority, housing, education
  o President, Marleen Morris & Associates
Community Development Institute - UNBC

- NEW BOOK - "Investing in Place"
- NEW - NEV2 Final Report
- Partners in Community Development: Board Voice
- Spring 2013 - Speakers Series - Housing in a Changing Community: Opportunity for Innovation

The Community Development Institute at UNBC is interested in two fundamental issues for communities in northern BC: community capacity and community development. By undertaking research, sharing information, and supporting education outreach, the Institute is becoming a vital partner to communities interested in making informed decisions about their own futures.

The institute emphasizes the importance of capacity-building, collaboration, learning, and complementarity between UNBC research centres. Research that is undertaken balances academic credibility with practical relevance. Beyond research, the Institute is involved in outreach activities and serves as a conduit to expand and enhance local educational opportunities related to community development.

Major: Public Administration and Community Development

Network: National Network for Urban Aboriginal Economic Development

Conferences and Workshops Hosted by the CDI
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